GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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ARBITRARY CHARGING PRICES OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appeared in various newspapers regarding arbitrary charging prices of medicines ; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered by the MRTP Commission in this connection during the last three years and the action taken thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) : The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) monitors the movement of prices of formulations and intervenes wherever necessary in the public interest under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995. As reported by the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC), during the last three years (1999 onwards) cases of Restrictive Trade Practices Enquiry (RTPE) have been registered in the Commission against seven pharmaceutical companies. In two of these cases, the enquiry was held not maintainable and the notices of enquiry were discharged. The other cases are pending disposal.